

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL
IN WOLVEY BAPTIST CHAPEL
MONDAY 22nd JUNE, 2015 at 7. 30pm

Present: Councillor Dixon (Chairman); Councillors Buswell, Dixon, Kenrick, Kuncewicz and Nixon

J. Essex (Clerk)

In attendance: Councillor C. Pacey-Day and 4 members of the public

Apologies: None

31. Minutes of the meeting held on 18th May, 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th May, 2015 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

32. Public Consultation

The following matters were raised under public consultation:

- (a) the two blocked drains inside the entrance to "The Grange" had still not been cleared;
- (b) drains in Temple Hill and at the junction of Temple Hill and Lutterworth Road; were blocked;
- (c) one of the street lights on Church Hill remained switched on during the day;
- (d) objections were raised in respect of planning application no.R15/1056 – (proposed development at Wolvey House Farm, Wolds Lane, Wolvey) on the grounds that there was no mention of the impact of the development on the public right of way.

33. Clerk's Report

RESOLVED that the following matters be noted:

- (a) Parish Council Twitter account has been set up - @WolveyPC
- (b) Invites had been sent out to local community groups to apply for grants under the parish council's Community Grants scheme
- (c) The 2 vacancies on the parish council would have to be filled by co-option as no requests calling for an election had been received.

34. Planning Applications

RESOLVED that

- (a) the update on previous Planning Applications be noted;
- (b) no comments be made in respect of planning application no. R15/1088 – Wolvey Grange (erection of two storey extension, single storey extension and orangery to side elevation); and

- (c) the parish council objects to planning application no. R15/1056 – proposed development at Wolvey House Farm, Wolds Lane, Wolvey (erection of a wooden stable block and construction of a ménage) on the following grounds:
- there is no reference to the public right of way which runs across the site in the application and the impact the development will have on the footpath
 - it is inappropriate development in the Green Belt
 - the development is overlarge
 - inadequate plans were submitted which did not provide sufficient detail
 - highway concerns over the increase in traffic in Wolds Lane which would pose a danger to pedestrians, dog walkers and children – especially with the bend in the road
 - increased light pollution

35. Finance

The council considered financial matters relating to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the payment of cheques as listed in Appendix C be agreed, together with the following payments received after the agenda was published:
- (i) Councillor Buswell – purchase of compost for tower and battery for bowser - £64.77
 - (ii) Wolvey Baptist Chapel – invoice no. - hire of room for parish council meeting on 22 June 2015 - £5.00
- (b) the cheques paid and income received as detailed in Appendix C be noted.

36. Lengthmans Scheme

The parish council's comments on the first 6 months of the pilot scheme had been submitted to Warwickshire County Council.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the parish council's submission to Warwickshire County Council be noted;
and
- (b) the parish council's thanks be extended to Mr John Hardman and Mrs Margaret Cartwright for their work on this report.

37. Wolvey Action Plan

Councillors gave an update on progress with items in the Wolvey Action Plan.

RESOLVED that the updated Action Plan be agreed.

38. Defibrillators

Mr Hardman reported back to the parish council on progress with defibrillators. One of the defibrillators had been installed at Wolvey Village Hall at a cost of £160. Wolvey Village Hall Committee had agreed to meet the annual running costs.

Arrangements were in hand for the second defibrillator to be installed at Wolvey School at an estimated installation cost of £100.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the installation costs in respect of the two defibrillators be approved; and
- (b) letters of thanks be sent to the Village Hall Committee and Wolvey School for their co-operation and assistance.

39. Welcome Pack

Councillors considered additional items for inclusion in the welcome pack.

RESOLVED that the additional items be approved for insertion in the back of the welcome pack.

40. Council Policies

Councillors considered the schedule of reviewing policies and procedures to ensure that they were regularly updated and fit for purpose.

RESOLVED that the schedule and allocation of reviewing policies and procedures be approved.

41. Recruitment of New Councillors

Posters and notices advertising the 2 parish council vacancies had been displayed in the usual places (ie village noticeboard, village shop, website, Newsletter). Posters would also be displayed in local pubs and businesses.

RESOLVED that the display of posters be noted.

42. Windfarm Notices at the Wetlands

Councillors considered the presence of anti-windfarm protest notices which were displayed at the Wetlands and whether they should be removed.

RESOLVED that approval be given for the anti-windfarm notices to continue to be displayed at the Wetlands.

43. Wolvey Environment Group (WEG) – Terms of Reference

Councillors considered WEG's terms of reference.

RESOLVED that the Chairman draft the terms of reference for WEG, in consultation with Councillor Buswell, for submission to a future meeting.

44. Update from the Environment Group

Councillor Buswell reported that repair works to the boardwalk were progressing well and it was hoped that the boardwalk could re-open in the next week or so.

Chris Warman from Rugby Borough Council had advised that the Wetland entry in the Rugby in Bloom should remain as allowances were made for work in progress.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the report be noted; and
- (b) an article thanking the volunteers for all their work in repairing the boardwalk be included in the Autumn Newsletter.

45. Christmas Tree – Lights Switch-on Event

Councillors considered dates for the annual Christmas tree lights switch on event.

RESOLVED that the Christmas tree lights switch-on event be held on Sunday 6th December 2015.

46. Warwickshire County Council – Rugby Area Councillor Grant Fund 2015/16

Applications were invited for the Warwickshire County Council Councillor Fund for the Fosse Division. The closing date for applications was Friday 21 August 2015. One suggestion put forward was to apply for grant assistance towards the cost of first aid training as this was connected with the defibrillators which had been purchased out of last year's grant fund.

RESOLVED that suggestions for applications for funding be considered at the next meeting.

47. Exclusion of Public

RESOLVED that the public be excluded under Public Bodies (Amendment Act 1960, section 1) in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed:

- (i) Staffing Matters

48. Staffing Matters

The Council discussed confidential staffing matters.

RESOLVED that the retirement gratuity payment to the former Clerk be approved.

49. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 20th July, 2015 in Wolvey Baptist Chapel

The meeting was closed at 9.00pm.